

REMARKSRestriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 between claims 1, 3, 5-8, and 10-13 (Group I), claims 14-17, 24-26, and 31-34 (Group II), claims 18, 20, 22, and 27-30 (Group III), and claim 35 (Group IV). Applicants hereby elect without traverse claims 1, 3, 5-8, and 10-13 (Group I) for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 14-17, 24-26, and 31-34 (Group II), claims 18, 20, 22, and 27-30 (Group III), and claim 35 (Group IV) have been canceled without prejudice.

In light of the amended claims and the reasoning which has been specifically and distinctly asserted, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal or modification of the requirement. The Applicant submits that the claims were amended solely for the purpose of placing them in better form and not to overcome any existing or potential prior art issues.

Respectfully submitted,
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